Holy Communion

5th October 2025 - Trinity 16

Approach

Name of all majesty - Hymn 102

1 Name of all majesty, fathomless mystery,

King of the ages by angels adored;

power and authority, splendour and dignity,

bow to his mastery, Jesus is Lord!

2 Child of our destiny, God from eternity,

love of the Father on sinners outpoured;

see now what God has done sending his only Son,

Christ the beloved One, Jesus is Lord!

3 Saviour of Calvary, costliest victory,

darkness defeated and Eden restored;

born as a man to die, nailed to a cross on high,

cold in the grave to lie, Jesus is Lord!

4 Source of all sovereignty, light, immortality,

life everlasting and heaven assured;

so with the ransomed, we praise him eternally,

Christ in his majesty, Jesus is Lord!

Greeting

Collect for Purity

Introduction

Penitence

... On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. **Lord have mercy on us and write these your laws in our hearts**

Confession

Absolution

Gloria in Excelsis - Please stand

The Collect

 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from 2nd Timothy chapter 1 beginning at verse

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Thanksgiving*

3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Appeal for loyalty to Paul and the gospel

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 137 Please stand

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,

***when we remembered Zion.***

2 As for our lyres, we hung them up

***on the willows that grow in that land.***

3 For there our captors asked for a song, our tormentors called for mirth:

***Sing us one of the songs of Zion.’***

4 How shall we sing the Lord’s song ***in a strange land?***

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,

***let my right hand forget its skill.***

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you,

***if I set not Jerusalem above my highest joy***

 Luke 17:5-10

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 17

...beginning at verse 5

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

6 He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

7 “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? 8 Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? 9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

Children's Spot

Be bold, be strong Thanks & Praise 10

Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you;

be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you!

I am not afraid, I am not dismayed,

for I’m walking in faith and victory:

come on and walk in faith and victory,

for the Lord your God is with you.

**Repeat**

Sermon - Rev Alan Cross

Dear Lord and Father Hymn 549

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,

forgive our foolish ways;

re-clothe us in our rightful mind,

in purer lives thy service find,

in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,

beside the Syrian sea,

the gracious calling of the Lord,

let us like them, without a word,

rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,

where Jesus knelt to share with thee

the silence of eternity, interpreted by love.

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,

till all our strivings cease;

take from our souls the strain and stress,

and let our ordered lives confess

the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire

thy coolness and thy balm;

let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;

speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,

O still small voice of calm.

 The Nicene Creed - Please stand

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father

accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

The Peace

Safe in the shadow - Hymn 595

Offering Hymn

1 Safe in the Shadow of the Lord

beneath his hand and power,

I trust in him, I trust in him, my fortress and my tower.

2 My hope is set on God alone

though Satan spreads his snare;

I trust in him, I trust in him, to keep me in his care.

3 From fears and phantoms of the night,

from foes about my way,

I trust in him, I trust in him, by darkness as by day.

4 His holy angels keep my feet

secure from every stone;

I trust in him, I trust in him, and unafraid go on.

5 Strong in the everlasting Name,

and in my Father’s care,

I trust in him, I trust in him,

who hears and answers prayer.

6 Safe in the Shadow of the Lord,

possessed by love divine,

I trust in him, I trust in him,

and meet his love with mine.

Taking the Bread & Wine

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Breaking Bread

Invitation

Receiving Communion

Please come forward to receive the bread and wine.

Prayer after Communion

Sending Prayer

Blessing

I'm not ashamed - Thanks & Praise 63

1 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,

or to defend his cause,

maintain the honour of his word, the glory of his cross.

***At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,***

***and the burden of my heart rolled away;***

***It was there by faith I received my sight and***

***now I am happy all the day.***

2 Jesus, my Lord! I know his name,

his name is all my boast;

nor will he put my soul to shame,

nor let my hope be lost.

3 Firm as his throne his promise stands,

and he can well secure what

I've committed to his hands, till the decisive hour.

4 Then will he own my worthless name

before his Father's face,

and, in the new Jerusalem, appoint my soul a place.

Dismissal